

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. What do I need to run 3Design?

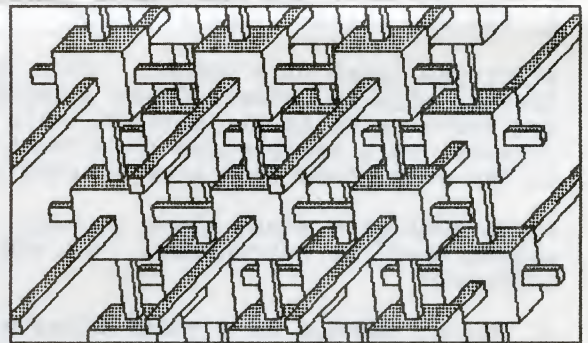
A. Well, you need an IBM PC to begin with. There is a version of 3Design that requires only 64KB to run, although for most applications you will need our 128KB version. Both versions are written in DOS 1.1 (it will work on a hard disk and will operate on DOS 2.0 systems with some limitations). You will need at least one (1) 320KB disk drive and a standard IBM color card (only, other color graphics boards are not supported at this time). A color monitor is recommended. There, that's it; that's all you need to have full CAD (Computer Aided Design) capability available with 3Design.

Q. What other computers will 3Design run on?

A. IBM PC compatibles (except the Columbia).

Q. Is 3Design difficult to use?

A. No, not at all. Although 3Design's features are very sophisticated, the program is very user friendly. Our comprehensive manual will have you mastering 3Design's capabilities the first day you have it, and it's ever-present on line HELP feature will guide you through every stage of the design cycle.



Q. Will defects, damage or obsolescence leave me out in the cold?

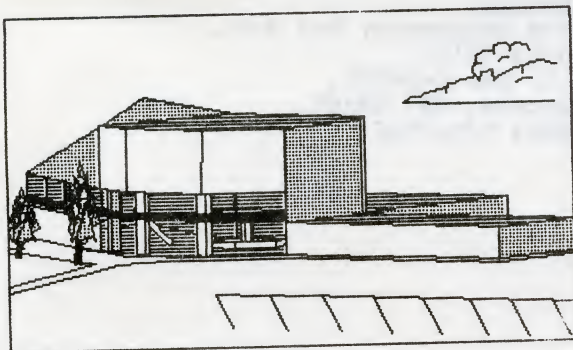
A. Absolutely not! 3Design warrants the condition of our materials upon delivery. After that, damaged disks will be replaced for a nominal charge (currently \$10) once the old disks are returned. 3Design is also warranted to perform as stated in the manual - or we'll make it work! (This limited warranty is good for six (6) months after purchase). And obsolescence is not a problem with 3Design for two reasons: first, the price you pay for 3Design (up to the suggested retail price) will be fully credited towards the purchase price of any future 3Design system you buy. Second, all future systems will be file compatible with our present product - so your library of objects will not be lost!

Q. What about hard-copy output?

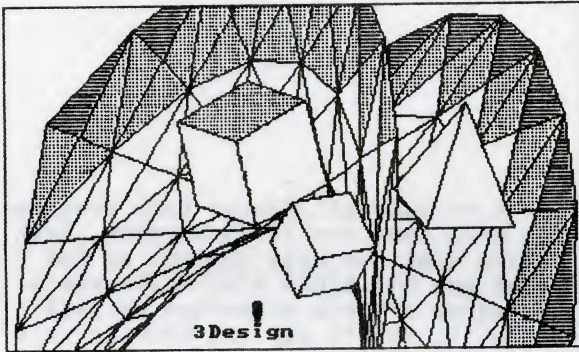
A. That is available from most printers by ordering an optional I-C Magic Chip (full color is available using an IDS Prism printer). The I-C Magic Chip fits right to the mother board of your PC.

Q. What is an I-C Magic Chip? What does a WordStar interface do?

A. An I-C Magic Chip will allow you to dump your 3Design files to most dot matrix printers (if you order a chip, we will need to know what type of printer you own). The WordStar interface will allow you to insert images generated by 3Design right into the text you prepare with the WordStar word processor (remember, however, your 3Design images can only be printed on dot matrix printers).



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Q. Will 3Design support plotters, digitisers, etc.?

A. Currently, 3Design accepts input only through its EDITOR using the cursor keys and a crosshair to define objects in three dimensions. Hardcopy output is only available only as mentioned above with dot matrix printers. Future 3Design products, however, will definitely support all I/O products needed by the professional.

Q. How are hidden lines removed?

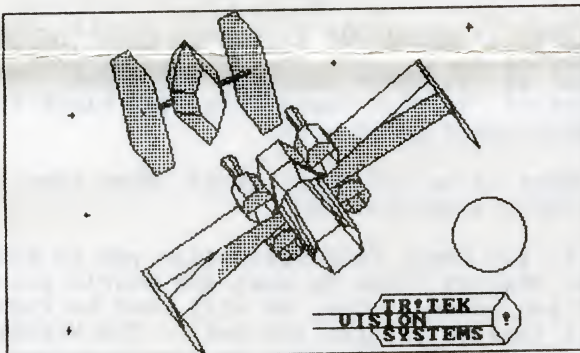
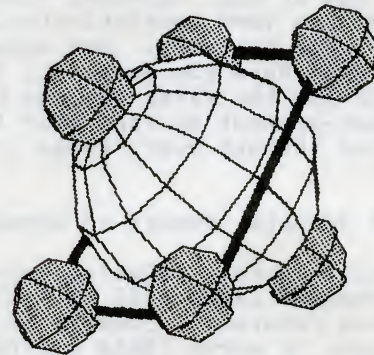
A. By the touch of a button. Once you have finished creating and transforming your 3Design objects, simply touch a button and sit back. Your computer will clear the screen and redraw your images automatically removing hidden lines. The images you see will not, however, be a perspective view (with far away objects smaller). All objects will appear in the dimensions they were created or scaled to.

Q. Is 3Design a stand alone package, or can I access specific subroutines from other programs?

A. Sorry, 3Design is a stand alone package; it cannot be accessed directly by other programs. However, we provide all the information needed to create 3Design compatible files, as well as use 3Design generated data with other programs.

Q. What is ARTISTE?

A. ARTISTE is our color presentation package included with all 3Design versions that allows you to use the IBM four colors to paint and shade the hidden line images you generate. You can also use the package to draw in lines, circles, even text and then save those presentation quality images.



Q. How do I get more information on 3Design? How do I order?

A. For more information on our product and orders, call or write:
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